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SUBJ: REACTIVATION OF CAMBODIAN ICC

1. ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EA, ARTHUR HUMMEL,
CALLED IN BRITISH CHARGE RICHARD SYKES AND INDICATED TO
HIM USG SUPPORT FOR GKR EFFORTS TO REACTIVATE THE ICC.
HUMMEL SAID PURPOSE OF SUMMONING REPRESENTATIVES OF ICC
NATIONS WAS TO URGE NOT ONLY AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BUT
TO REQUEST THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ACTIVE AND PUB-
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LIC PREPARATIONS AND PLANNING IN ORDER THAT THE COMMISSION

CAN BE PUT IN PLACE AS SOON AS A CEASEFIRE CAN BE IMPLEMENTED. HUMMEL STRESSED THAT PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF A CEASEFIRE AND THE READINESS OF NATIONS TO IMPLEMENT SUPERVISION WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS BETWEEN THE KHMER PARTIES.

2. SYKES PROMISED TO CONVEY THESE THOUGHTS TO HMG BUT BELIEVED THAT LONDON WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT KIND OF SETTLEMENT WAS ENVISAGED; COMPLETE COLLAPSE OF THE GKR OR CEASEFIRE. CHARGE SYKES ALSO INDICATED THAT LONDON WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN WHETHER PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS WERE, IN FACT, IN TRAIN AND WHETHER DR. KISSINGER'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO PEKING WAS, AS SPECULATED IN THE PRESS, "IN THE CAMBODIAN CONTEXT." SYKES ALSO

INQUIRED ABOUT THE REACTION OF THE OTHER SIDE TO THE GKR'S JULY 6 INITIATIVE AND WHAT PRINCE SIHANOUK'S VIEWS ON THE ICC CURRENTLY WERE. SYKES ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT CANADIAN VIEWS. HUMMEL RESPONDED THAT WHILE HE WAS NOT AT LIBERTY TO DISCUSS ONGOING MOVES, IT HAD TO BE KEPT IN MIND THAT SIHANOUK WAS ADEPT AT USING THE PRESS FOR HIS OWN ADVANTAGE AND THAT HE HAD BEEN KNOWN TO CHANGE HIS POSITION. WE ALSO HOPED TO PREVAIL UPON CANADA AND HOPED THAT HMG WOULD HELP IN THIS REGARD.

3. SYKES INDICATED THAT HE BELIEVED LONDON WOULD NOT BE EAGER TO BECOME INVOLVED UNTIL THERE ARE MORE POSITIVE INDICATORS THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE IMMINENT OR THAT THE SOVIETS HAD SIGNALLED THEIR ACQUIESCENCE.

4. HUMMEL SAID THAT WE HOPED THAT HMG WOULD NOT WAIT UNTIL THE OTHER SIDE HAD RESPONDED BEFORE TAKING THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTIONS THAT WE SUGGESTED. ROGERS

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